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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please ~~amend~~ the application as follows:

In the claims:

Amend ~~claims 3, 5, 7 and 8~~ as follows:

A1

-- 3. A transformant carrying the DNA according to claim 1.

A2

5. A method for producing a protein, said method comprising the steps of culturing the transformant according to claim 3 and recovering the expressed protein from said transformant or the culture supernatant thereof.

A3  
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7. A method of screening for a compound which binds to a protein, said method comprising the steps of:

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